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# NEW ARTICLES OF THE GAME OF CRICKET,

As settled and revised at the

STAR and GARTER, PALLMALL,

FEBRUARY the 25th, 1774;

By a COMMITTEE of NOBLEMEN and GENTLEMEN OF KENT, &c.

TO WHICH IS ADDED

# THE OLD LAWS,

AS SETTLED BY THE SEVERAL

# CRICKET-CLUBS.

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# LAWS, &c.

## *The* BALL

MUST not weigh leſs than Five Ounces and a Half, nor more than Five Ounces and Three Quarters.

It cannot be changed during the Game, but with Conſent of both Parties.

## *The* BAT

MUST not exceed Four Inches and One Quarter in the wideſt Part.

## *The* STUMPS

MUST be Twenty-two Inches, the Bail Six Inches long.

## *The* BOWLING-CREASE

MUST be parallel with the Stumps, Three Feet in Length, with a Return-Creaſe.

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*The*

## *The* POPPING-CREASE

MUST be Three Feet Ten Inches from the Wickets; and the Wickets muſt be oppoſite to each other at the Diſtance of Twenty-two Yards.

## *The* PARTY *Which* GOES *from* HOME

SHALL have the Choice of the Innings and the Pitching of the Wickets, which ſhall be pitched within Thirty Yards of a Centre fixed by the Adverſaries.

When the Parties meet at a Third Place, the Bowlers ſhall toſs up for the Pitching of the Firſt Wicket, and the Choice of going in.

## *The* BOWLER

MUST deliver the Ball with one Foot behind the Bowling-Creaſe, and within the Return-Creaſe; and ſhall bowl Four Balls before he changes Wickets, which he ſhall do but Once in the ſame Innings.

He may order the Player at his Wicket to ſtand on which Side of it he pleaſes.

## *The* STRIKER *Is out*

IF the Bail is bowled off, or the Stump bowled out of the Ground.

Or if the Ball, from a Stroke over or under his Bat, or upon his Hands, (but not Wriſts)

is

is held before it touches the Ground, though it be hugged to the Body of the Catcher.

Or if, in Striking, both his Feet are over the Popping-Creaſe, and his Wicket is put down, except his Bat is grounded within it.

Or if he runs out of his Ground to hinder a Catch.

Or if a Ball is ſtruck up, and he wilfully ſtrike it again.

Or if in running a Notch, the Wicket is ſtruck down by a Throw, or with the Ball in Hand, before his Foot, Hand, or Bat, is grounded over the Popping-Creaſe; but if the Bail is off, a Stump muſt be ſtruck out of the Ground by the Ball.

Or if the Striker touches or takes up the Ball before it has lain ſtill, unleſs at the Requeſt of the oppoſite Party.

Or if the Striker puts his Leg before the Wicket with a Deſign to ſtop the Ball, and actually prevents the Ball from hitting his Wicket by it.

If the Players have croſſed each other, he that runs for the Wicket that is put down, is out; if they are not croſſed, he that has left the Wicket that is put down, is out.

When the Ball has been in the Bowler's or Wicket-Keeper's Hands, the Strikers need not keep within their Ground till the Umpire has called *Play*; but if the Player goes out of his Ground, with an Intent to run before the Ball is delivered, the Bowler may put him out.

When

When the Ball is ſtruck up in the Running Ground between the Wickets, it is lawful for the Strikers to hinder its being catched; but they muſt neither ſtrike at, nor touch the Ball with their Hands.

If the Ball is ſtruck up, the Striker may guard his Wicket either with his Bat or his Body.

In Single-Wicket Matches, if the Striker moves out of his Ground to ſtrike at the Ball, he ſhall be allowed no Notch for ſuch Stroke.

## *The* WICKET-KEEPER

SHALL ſtand at a reaſonable Diſtance behind the Wicket, and ſhall not move till the Ball is out of the Bowler's Hand, and ſhall not, by any Noiſe, incommode the Striker; and if his Hands, Knees, Foot, or Head, be over or before the Wicket, though the Ball hit it, it ſhall not be out.

## *The* UMPIRES

SHALL allow Two Minutes for each Man to come in, and Fifteen Minutes between each Innings; when the Umpire ſhall call *Play*, the Party refuſing to play ſhall loſe the Match.

They are the ſole Judges of fair and unfair Play, and all Diſputes ſhall be determined by them.

When

When a Striker is hurt they are to allow another to come in, and the Perſon hurt ſhall have his Hands in any Part of that Innings.

They are not to order a Player out, unleſs appealed to by the Adverſaries.

But if the Bowler's Foot is not behind the Bowling-Creaſe, and within the Return-Creaſe, when he delivers the Ball, the Umpire unaſked muſt call *No Ball.*

If the Strikers run a ſhort Notch, the Umpire muſt call *No Notch.*

## B E T S.

IF the Notches of one Player are laid againſt another, the Bet depends on both Innings, unleſs otherwiſe ſpecified.

If one Party beats the other in one Innings, the Notches in the Firſt Innings ſhall determine the Bet.

But if the other Party goes in a Second Time, then the Bet muſt be determined by the Number on the Score.

END OF THE NEW LAWS.

# OLD
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# THE GAME AT CRICKET.

THE Pitching the firſt Wicket is to be determined by the Toſs of a Piece of Money.

When the firſt Wicket is pitched, and the Popping-Creaſe cut, which muſt be exactly Three Feet Ten Inches from the Wicket, the other Wicket is to be pitched directly oppoſite, at Twenty-Two Yards Diſtance,

tance, and the other Popping-Creaſe cut Three Feet and Ten Inches before it.

The Bowling-Creaſes muſt be cut in a direct Line from each Stump.

The Stumps muſt be Twenty-Two Inches long, and the Bail Six Inches.

The Ball muſt weigh between Five and Six Ounces.

When the Wickets are both pitched, and all the Creaſes cut, the Party that Wins the Toſs-up, may order which Side ſhall go in firſt, at his Option.

LAWS

# LAWS FOR THE BOWLERS.

## Four BALLS and Over.

THE Bowler muſt deliver the Ball, with one Foot behind the Creaſe, even with the Wicket; and when he has bowled one Ball, or more, ſhall bowl to the Number of Four before he changes Wickets, and he ſhall change but once in the ſame Innings.

He may order the Player that is in at his Wicket, to ſtand on which Side

Side of it he pleaſes, at a reaſonable Diſtance.

If he delivers the Ball, with his hinder Foot over the Bowling-Creaſe, the Umpire ſhall call *No Ball*, tho' it be ſtruck, or the Player be bowled out; which he ſhall do without being aſked, and no Perſon ſhall have any Right to queſtion him.

# LAWS

## FOR THE

# STRIKERS,

## OR

## THOSE that are IN.

IF the Wicket is bowled down, it's out.

If he ſtrikes, or treads down, or falls himſelf upon his Wicket in ſtriking (but not in over-running) it's out. A Stroke, or Nip, over or under his Bat, or upon his Hands (but not Arms) if the Ball be held before it

it touches the Ground, though it be hugged to the body, it's out.

If in ſtriking, both his Feet are over the Popping-Creaſe, and his Wicket put down, except his Bat is down within, it's out.

If he runs out of his Ground to hinder a Catch, it's out.

If a Ball is nipped up, and he ſtrikes it again wilfully, before it came to the Wicket, it's out.

If the Players have croſſed each other, he that runs for the Wicket that is put down, is out: If they are not croſſed, he that returns is out.

If in running a Notch, the Wicket is ſtruck down by a Throw, before his Foot, Hand, or Bat is over the Popping-Creaſe, or a Stump hit by the Ball, though the Bail was down, it's out.

But

But if the Bail is down before, he that catches the Ball muſt ſtrike a Stump out of the Ground, Ball in Hand, or elſe it's not out.

If the Striker touches, or takes up the Ball before it has lain quite ſtill, unleſs aſked by the Bowler, or Wicket-Keeper, it's out.

# BAT, FOOT, OR HAND, OVER THE CREASE.

WHEN the Ball has been in Hand by one of the Keepers, or Stoppers, and the Player has been at Home, he may go where he pleaſes till the next Ball is bowled.

If

If either of the Strikers is croſſed in his running Ground, deſignedly, the ſame muſt be determined by the Umpires.

*N. B.* The Umpires may order that Notch to be ſcored.

When the Ball is hit up, either of the Strikers may hinder the Catch in his running Ground; or if it is hit directly acroſs the Wickets, the other Player may place his Body any where within the Swing of the Bat ſo as to hinder the Bowler from catching it; but he muſt neither ſtrike at it, nor touch it with his Hands.

If a Striker nips a Ball up juſt before him, he may fall before his Wicket, or pop down his Bat, before it comes to the Wicket, to ſave it.

The

The Bail hanging on one Stump, though the Ball hit the Wicket, it's not out.

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# WICKET-KEEPERS.

THE Wicket-Keepers ſhall ſtand at a reaſonable diſtance behind the Wicket, and ſhall not move till the Ball is out of the Bowler's Hand, and ſhall not, by any Noiſe, incommode the Striker; and if his Hands, Knees, Foot, or Head, be over, or before the Wicket, though the Ball hit it, it ſhall not be out.

# LAWS

## FOR THE

# UMPIRES.

TO allow two Minutes for each Man to come in when one is out, and Ten Minutes between each Hand.

To mark the Ball that it may not be changed.

They are ſole Judges of all Outs and Ins; of all fair or unfair Play; of all frivolous Delays; of all Hurts, whether real or pretended, and are diſcre-

diſcretionally to allow what Time they think proper before the Game goes on again.

In Caſe of a real Hurt to a Striker, they are to allow another to come in, and the Perſon hurt to come in again; but are not to allow a freſh Man to play, on either Side, on any Account.

They are ſole Judges of all Hindrances; croſſing the Players in running, and ſtanding unfair to ſtrike, and in Caſe of Hindrance may order a Notch to be ſcored.

They are not to order any Man out, unleſs appealed to by one of the Players.

Theſe Laws are to the Umpires jointly.

Each Umpire is the ſole Judge of all Nips and Catches; Ins and Outs; good or bad Runs, at his own Wicket, and his Determination ſhall be abſolute; and he ſhall not be changed for

for another Umpire, without the Consent of both Sides.

When the Four Balls are bowled, he is to call over.

These Laws are separately.

When both Umpires call Play three Times, 'tis at the Peril of giving the Game from them that refuse to Play.

*FINIS.*

*A Representation of the Game of* CRICKET: *Inscribed to all Gentlemen Lovers of that Diversion.*